

SAFFORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Arizona's Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction have ordered the State-wide closure of schools through at least March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Safford Unified School District No. 1 of Graham County, Arizona ("District") has the authority, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-806(B) and Governing Board Policy EBCD, "Weather-related and Emergency Closings", and Governing Board Policy ID, "School Day" and accompanying Administrative Regulations, to close schools in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds as that it is in the best interest of the District and its community to close the schools and to carry out the actions listed below in order to prevent the spread of a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District and serves a public purpose to continue to pay its employees for the time period of the school closure in order to maintain order in the community, reduce employee turnover, allow employees to care for the needs of their families, meet its contractual obligations and increase morale for District employees during a time of national crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved by the Governing Board of Safford Unified School District No. 1 of Graham County, Arizona that:

Section 1. The Governing Board authorizes the closure of all schools and programs.

Section 2. The Governing Board intends to close all schools until further notice, at which time the Board will reassess the potential outbreak of COVID-19 and any public safety concerns.

Section 3. The Superintendent is authorized to continue regular payroll expenses for all employees. Non-essential employees will be reassigned to home. Essential employees will be required to work as needed. Hourly employees who are deemed essential and required to work will be paid an additional 20% per hour for returning to work when authorized by the Superintendent or his designee. Essential employees returning to work may be subjected to providing a temperature to verify they are not suffering from a fever. All employees shall remain on call and available to report to work. The Superintendent is authorized to modify payroll as necessary to comply with State or Federal laws that may be passed in response to COVID-19.

Section 4. The Superintendent is authorized to extend the dates of school closure if necessary.

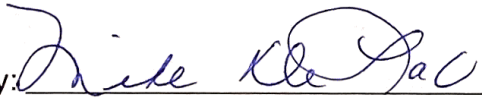
Section 5. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to work with local and state authorities to meet minimum state requirements of instruction and to create a corresponding change to the school calendar if necessary.

Section 6. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to execute all requisite documents to apply to the Arizona Department of Education for excuse of students from school attendance because of school closure pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-806(B).

Section 7. The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent to execute any further documentation to effectuate this resolution, including but not limited to any requisite notices required by the Arizona Department of Education or local/state health authorities.

Passed and adopted: March 18, 2020. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Governing Board President to sign this Resolution on behalf of the Governing Board.

SAFFORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1

By:  _____

Mike DeLaO

Its: Governing Board President

Safford Unified School District Governing Board Resolution [3/18/2020]